



MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA
CITY OF LONG BEACH

January 26, 2021

Senator Dianne Feinstein
United States Senate
331 Hart Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, D.C. 20510

RE: Support for the Affordable Housing Redevelopment Act (Feinstein)

Dear Senator Feinstein,

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I write in support of the Affordable Housing Redevelopment Act (Feinstein). This legislation proposes to reauthorize the Neighborhood Stabilization Program, providing \$1.5 billion in grants to state and local governments to purchase blighted, vacant, abandoned, foreclosed, or surplus properties, and convert them into affordable housing.

Long Beach promotes the development and enhancement of affordable housing. The Housing Authority of the City (HACLB) provides rental subsidy services to low-income, elderly, and disabled residents of Long Beach so they can live with dignity in safe and sanitary housing conditions. HACLB partners with over 2,600 property owners to assist almost 7,000 households that lease units in the City, primarily through the Housing Choice Voucher and Veteran's Affairs Supportive Housing programs. The City also has a local housing assistance body, the Long Beach Community Investment Company, which has helped leverage more than half a billion dollars in affordable housing investments over the past decade.

While Long Beach is committed to promoting affordable housing, it is clear additional Federal support is needed. In recent years, the entire country has faced an increase in demand for affordable housing with an insufficient supply, especially in regions such as Southern California. Long-term investments in building affordable housing through the Affordable Housing Redevelopment Act are necessary to spur housing for the nation's most vulnerable populations.

Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach supports the Affordable Housing Redevelopment Act.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Garcia", written over a white background.

Mayor Robert Garcia
City of Long Beach

cc: The Honorable Senator Alex Padilla
The Honorable Congressman Alan Lowenthal, 47th District
The Honorable Congressman Nanette Barragan, 44th District